

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 6032](#)

(Byrum)

The bill (H-1) would transfer the authority to approve "homestead facilities" located within residential neighborhood enterprise zones from the State Tax Commission to the assessors of the local governmental units within which the homestead facilities are located.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6032 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6032 was passed [RC 717: 109 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

[HB 6243](#)

(Amos)

The bill (H-1) would allow a public officer or employee to serve on any of several authorities or districts that have been created by law, including a Neighborhood Improvement Authority, a Water Resource Improvement Tax Increment Finance Authority; an Historical Neighborhood Tax Increment Finance Authority; a Principal Shopping District; a Business Improvement Zone; a Metropolitan District; a Land Bank Fast Track Authority; or a Corridor Improvement Authority.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6243 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6243 was passed [RC 718: 109 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6263**(Corriveau)**

The bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow a taxpayer to take a deduction from taxable income for the amount of a charitable contribution made to the Advance Tuition Payment Fund. This would begin with the 2008 tax year. The Tuition Payment Fund was created by the Michigan Education Trust Act and is used to hold payments made by purchasers of advance tuition payment contracts on behalf of qualified beneficiaries of those contracts. (These are prepaid tuition contracts typically purchased on behalf of a child by a parent or relative to cover college tuition. They can be purchased by semester, up to a total of eight semesters.) Currently, the Income Tax Act allows a state income tax deduction for the purchase price of these prepaid tuition contracts. House Bill 6263 would additionally allow a deduction for a contribution not toward the purchase of specific contract but made to the Tuition Payment Fund in general. This is understood to apply to cases where a donor wants to contribute to a project such as adopting a classroom or a group of students to help pay for their college educations.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- Pavlov-2 not adopted
- Pavlov-3 not adopted
- D. Acciavitti-4 not adopted
- Hoogendyke-5 not adopted
- HB 6263 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6263 was passed [RC 719: 109 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6222**(Rocca)**

Under the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act, commonly referred to as PA 198, industrial facilities can receive property tax abatements for up to 12 years. An exemption certificate must be approved by the local unit of government and by the State Tax Commission. Under the act, if an exemption is granted for less than the maximum period of time to a replacement facility, new facility, or speculative facility, then the owner or lessor of the facility can apply for another certificate, with the sum of the old and new exemption periods not permitted to exceed the maximum for an original certificate. The application for a new certificate in such cases must be made within the final year of the original certificate. House Bill 6222 would also allow an application for a new certificate to be made within 12 months after the first certificate expired.

- Meisner-1 was adopted
- HB 6222 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6222 was passed [RC 720: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered